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For: AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 26, 2002, Applicants provide below a clean version of the amendments to page 6 of the specification. As indicated in the Notice, Applicants need not resubmit the entire Amendment filed March 19, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, please delete the third full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

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Figure 3 shows an optical fiber cable 30 for a land application, *i.e.* a cable that is designed to be buried. A plurality of tubes 20 analogous to the tube 20 shown in Figure 2 are disposed around the periphery of a rod 31 that is often reinforced with glass fibers and that is in contact with a filling compound 32. The assembly is surrounded by metal armoring 33 covered by a sheath 34 which needs to have good mechanical properties, good fire resistance, and low permeability to water. The sheath 34 is essentially constituted by the covering material of the invention and made as described below.